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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Development Department.

Memorandum No. 70065 P IV/48-6 dated the 18th August 1948.

Sub: LABOUR - Agricultural Labour.

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All Collectoss are informed that matters relating to Agricultural Labour will be dealt with in the Development Department and that all correspondence relating to the subject should be addressed to the Government in the Development Department direct and not thourgh the Board of Revenue.

W.R.S. SATHIANATHAN,
Secretary to Government.

To All Collectors.
To the Board of Revenue.
To the Commissioner of Labour, (with reference to his letter No.C4.5446/48 dated 6-7-48).
Copy to all Departments of Secretariat including Development.

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Development Department.

The question for consideration in this file is whether the subject 'agricultural labour' should be administered through the staff of the Revenue Department of through the Labour Department. With reference to the minutes of Hon'ble Minister (Industries) ~~on p. 1 above~~, the Commissioner of Labou was informed that matters relating to agricultural labour should, in future, be dealt with by him through officers of the Labour Department. The Commissioner has now explained in his letter ~~on p. 9 o.f.~~ the practical difficulties in makin him responsible for the work and has suggested that Revenue Department may continue to be in charge of the work. This Department considered that "agricultural labour" is a legitimate sphere for the work of the Labour Department and that it is desirable to make one head of Department viz., Commissio of Labour responsible for administration of all labour laws, if necessary, by utilizing, temporarily, the services of the Revenue Department until such time as adequate staff is sanctioned for the Labour Department. Revenue have suggested that in view of the difficulties pointed out by the Commission the subject agricultural labour may be administered from this Department through the Board of Revenue and Collectors. Finance agree with Revenue. The case may be circulated for orders whether:-

(1) matters relating to agricultural labour may be dealt with by the Commissioner of Labour with the help of the Revenue Department staff until sufficient staff is sanctioned for the Commissioner of Labour.

OR

(2) the Board and Collectors may continue to be responsible for the work under the Development Department.

C.S. may also see.

The Above may be approved.

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Even if (1) above is approved it will lead to many complications. For instance it is a matter for consideratio whether the Board of Revenue should be bye-passed or noted on.Hon'ble Ministers may decide on question of policy and then the details may be worked out if (1) above is approved.

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Minutes of the Hon'ble Ministers.

As stated by Commissioner of Labour agricultural labour is spread over every nook and corner of the Presidency and the Revenue Department i.e. Collector Divisional Officer etc. are the best agency for handling the problems that may arise. This necessarily means that the Board of Revenue should be in the picture. I do not think the Commissioner of Labour need be brought in at all . In the Secretariat relating to Agricultural labour may be dealt with in Development and Submitted to Hon'ble Minister 'Industries and Labour).

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~~Hon'ble~~ Minutes of the Hon'ble Ministers.

The suggestion of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies may be accepted.

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I have not seen the file till now. Personally I have no objection to Agricultural Labour being dealt with by Development. It is better that the Commissioner of Labour should be made responsible for it and an act passed providing for a concialatory machinery. But I would like to raise an issue. 'Agricultural Labour' should mean only a Conflict between cultivators and the labour they employ. It should not touch the relations between landholding Pattadars and their lease-holding tenants which is clearly a problem of Tenure and Tenancy. That aspect will be administered by Revaue as at present.

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Commissioner of Labour has no staff to cope with it in the Districts. The Collectors are in a better position to deal with it. I think it ought to continue in the Revenue Department. The problems of Industrial labour are entirely different. Without extra staff Commissioner of Labour can't cope ~~different~~ with it. The question of Food Department dealing with it may be considered if necessary.

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The Labour minister should deal it through the Revenue Department.

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Other Hon'ble Ministers concerned may see.
Minutes of the Hon'ble Ministers.
As for as Agricultural labour is concerned I have no Objection.

I take it that the entire machinery that is now working in the Revenue Department. will function as now another ~~that~~ Commissioner of Labour will coordinate the work. Development will deal at the Secretariat level.

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Public (Special) Department.

Please see the orders in circulation. It is presumed that the intention is that matters relating to Agricultural Labour should be dealt with by Development Department with the help of the Revenue Department staff . The orders issued in the U.O. note ~~at p. 7 e.f.~~ do not therefore require any revision. The file may be returned to Development Department for further action if any. a X

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" XX seems to be the intention." As regards A on Hon'ble Minister (~~Irrigation~~ Revenue and Labour) minute, it is submitted that if the Revenue Department staff i.e. Collectors and the Board ~~of Revenue~~ are to deal with the matter, the Commissioner of Labour does not come into the picture.

The labour matters needs not go through Board of Revenue.

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Public (Special) Department.

Please see the orders in circulation. The file may now be returned to Development Department.

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Development Department.

TO A.S.

Please see the orders in circulation on pp. ~~7-8~~ above. It is presumed the intention is that matters relating to agricultural labour should be dealt with in this department directly through the Collectors. All Collectors may be informed accordingly. A draft Memo. is submitted for approval. Revenue may see the orders in circulation and the draft below.

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Revenue Department

TO A.S.

Notes from p- & above and the draft O.M. may be perused and the case r turned to Development.

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Development Department.

TO A.S.

For orders whether the draft memo. may now issue. After issue the papers may be recorded for future reference.

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